Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, common along roadsides and in fields, fl. 24.ix.71, fr. 8.ii.72. Saxena 142, 626.

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27. SOLANUM TRIQUETRUM CAV.—AN ADVENTIVE SPECIES IN RAJASTHAN

Solanum triquetrum Cav. is a native of America. This species was reported for the first time from India near Aligarh (Uttar Pradesh) by Hussain (Bull. Bot. Soc. Beng. 22 (2):223, 1968).

During the course of a botanical exploration of south-eastern part of Rajasthan, I collected some specimens of *S. triquetrum* Cav. from the vicinity of Devari village in Kotah district, Rajasthan. Devari is situated at a distance of about 100 km to the east of Kotah on Kotah-Shivpuri road. Here, the species is found in dry, bare fields.

The specimens have been deposited in the Harbarium of National Botanic Gardens, Lucknow (V. Singh 90608, LWG).

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28. 3-VALVED ENDOCARP OF JUGLANS REGIA LINN.

(With a photo)

The drupe of *Juglans regia* Linn. is characterised by the green fleshy exocarp and hard endocarp- the 'shell'. The 'shell' splits into a pair of similar 'boats'. Such a 2-valved (normal) endocarp is also reported in the WEALTH OF INDIA, *Raw Materials* (H-K), 5:298-305; 1959. However, during field studies in the Kashmir valley in the year 1972, I found a 3-valved endocarp which has not been recorded in our floras¹.

Popularly known as the walnut, *Juglans regia* trees yield delicately-flavoured nut with edible seed; the wood is expensive.

¹ Such uncommon abnormalities are not usually recorded in floras but may perhaps be recorded elsewhere.—Ed: